

## 15,000 PEOPLE SEE BUSKIN WIN RACE

Winning Time in Metropolitan Handicap  
Equalized Handicap

New York, May 27.—Fifteen thousand persons attended the opening of the thoroughbred racing season at Belmont park Tuesday and saw the Metropolitan handicap, at one mile, go to John Whidden's 4-year-old gelding, Buskin, ridden by jockey Fairbrother, in 1:27 4/5.

The time equals the track record for this event, established by Fasania five years ago. After Ten Point had been scratched, August Belmont added Belmont as a running mate with Buskin, the public favorite, and interest in the event was increased when H. P. Whitney's Boreas, which had run last season in England, was entered as an additional candidate for the race, which was worth \$100,000 to the winner.

Eleven horses were sent away well together, running in a bunch until a distance of a mile. The lightestweight, Flying out of the race and held the lead until the stretch. Fairbrother made his move on Buskin as the turn was made and from the last eighth pole the horse just broke, winning by five lengths from Flying, which was out to the last fence to win the race. The latter had no chance as he was away well and chased the pace for the 3-year-old Fugate all the way, but his weight, 127 pounds, told on him and he hung when called by jockey Hirsch.

## Baseball Birthday Bulletin

By ERNEST J. LANIGAN.  
May 27.

1873.—D. Leroy Reeves private secretary to John K. Tener, president of the National League, born in Cape May City, N. J. Like Sam Johnson, president of the American League, and John Rogers, secretary of the National League, Reeves is a graduate of the newspaper ranks. Prior to becoming Tener's secretary, Reeves was sporting editor of the Philadelphia Ledger. He is a college man—a graduate of Lafayette university—and while at the Boston Institute of Learning, played on both its baseball and football teams. His position being second base and quarterback. On leaving college, Reeves practiced law for a time and then became a writer. In 1912 and 1913, he was secretary-treasurer of the Philadelphia National League club, so being a secretary is no new experience for him.

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## Rain Plays Havoc With Texas League

Finances Are Feeling Strain Also

By F. W. MOSERACH.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 27.—Serious rains are being made on the finances of Texas league clubs, and a severe drain will be made on the pitching departments of the various clubs as a result of the frequent rain which is causing the postponement of games. This will mean double headers and double headers mean the working of pitchers double time. Every postponed game means a loss to the home club from a hot office standpoint. So far there are no less than 10 postponed games on the books, and not a club has been spared. In this town it is the lead with eight, which means that many double headers. Beaumont, Galveston and Dallas have seven postponed games each; San Antonio, Austin and Fort Worth five and Houston four. Last week was almost completely rained out, hardly a day passing in which more than two games were played.

**League Secures Matthews.** Good news during the week was the announcement by president Davidson of the acquisition of Wilson Matthews, a judge of play. Matthews may come and umpires may go, but there is only one Bill Matthews. There is an originality about him that fascinates. From the time he announced the batter—when he does this in a way that is very much Matthewsque—until he calls the last man out, Matthews is the central figure in the game. The spectators appreciate this and the players know it, too.

**Hardly Gets Results.** That Waco crew of Snappers has been cutting up at the Texas league apex in a manner that would stamp them a real pennant possibility and they are sitting smoothly with all hands working in tune for harmony. Bill Hardy is getting results and the Waco fans have a ball team that fully merits the support it is receiving. It is pleasing to note Roy Alkin near the top in the batting list, for it shows that the veteran third baseman has not gone back through the long line of years he has been in the game.

**Beaumont Hopes on Well.** The Beaumont Oilers continue to hang on in second place and are playing good enough ball to check Houston's progress. The Oilers likewise have a bunch of seasoned stars and they are hitting the ball at a merry clip. Johnny Kilder, who has been secured from the Bronchos, is playing a steady game at third and hitting the ball in his old accustomed way.

**Charlie Ross, Houston's star twirler,** and who has proved the Beavers' Nemesis, suffered defeat at the hands of Waco the past week. The Navigators found him for seven hits, although the Huffs garnered eight off Ashton. This reverse proved a stumbling block for Pat Newnam's herd, and no one realized this better than Pat himself. The game was played under protest by Newnam. The Buffaloes are playing winning ball despite the fact that they are on the road.

**Fort Worth Slumps.** The Fort Worth Panthers have taken a slump and are now bringing up the rear of the first division. Kid Sauer has an able lieutenant in Walter Salm, who is guarding the initial sack and is playing a league game both in the field and at bat. The Galveston Sand Crabs are persistently standing still, the Dallas Giants likewise are not making any headway. But the Dallas fans are hopeful. With the resignation of Otto Jordan, Hammer Hill has been placed in charge and a number of changes are already announced in the team's makeup, which the fans hope will prove of advantage.

**Branches on Rock Bottom.** Rain has stopped the Bronchos' losing streak, but they are on rock bottom in the league race. The addition of first baseman Theriot and several other changes that are planned shows that owner Brock means to carry out his threats of rebuilding the team in midseason. It is a hazard to our underwriting, but nothing will please the fans but a new lot of faces.

The Austin Senators have taken a brace and have again started the 499 class.

## THREE PINS SAVE THE CLARK TEAM

A scant margin of three pins enabled the Clark team to make an even breakaway in the first round of the Texas league championship tournament Tuesday night at the Casino club in the El Paso tournament. Earl Wood, whose high score was 223, and Marshall, whose score was 211, were the winners.

The scores:

Clark team: Earl Wood, 223; Marshall, 211; Total, 434.

Opposition team: Philpott, 188; Wood, 188; Total, 376.

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## GOUX DRIVES 118 MILES AN HOUR

Indianapolis, Ind., May 27.—Julius Goux, winner of the 240 mile race last year, broke the record for one lap at the Indianapolis motor speedway Tuesday. He cycled the 3 1/2 mile course in 1:31.71, a speed of approximately 118 miles an hour. The French driver in his first trial in the straightaway at a speed estimated at 114 miles an hour, the fastest that has ever been seen here.

Joe Dawson, who won the 1912 race, drove one lap unofficially in 1:31.3, beating the record recently set by Georges Billard, in a French car. Dawson hardly had taken his seat into the garage when Tetzlaff sent his racer around the course in 1:31.4.

Thirteen of the elimination laps were run Tuesday. Other racers who made the tests were:

Giffels, 1:32.5; Dawson, 1:36.2; Thomas, 1:35.4; Barnes, 1:33.3; De Palma, 1:34.3; Christian, 1:33.7; Geyer, 1:43.47; Wisker, 1:37.31; Pullen, 1:44.4; Carlson, 1:38.4; Kene, 1:43.4.

**CHIP KNOCKS OUT PETROSKY.** Los Angeles, Calif., May 27.—George Chip, of Pittsburgh, knocked out Junior Ed Petrofsky, of San Francisco, in the 12th round of their 20 round middleweight fight at the Vernon arena Tuesday night.

Petrofsky was knocked down twice in the 11 rounds but arose on each occasion barely in time to save himself from knockout.

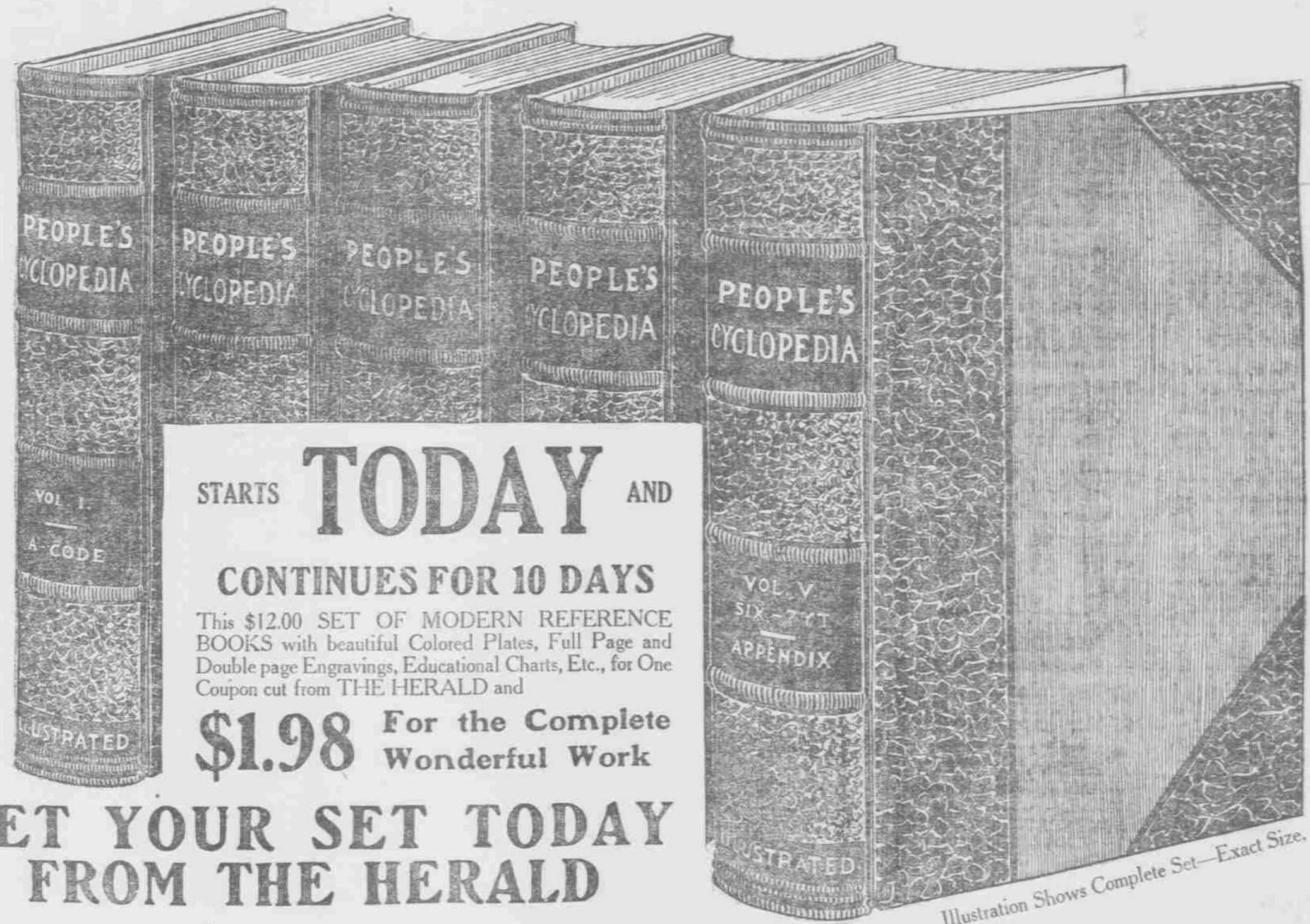
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